

ANNUAL REPORTS

**OF THE TOWN OF
FRANCESTOWN
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1954**

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FRANCESTOWN

New Hampshire



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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—William C. MacAdam.

Town Clerk—Herman C. Miller.

Selectmen—Francis W. Abbott, Edward E. Jones, Charles W. Abbott.

Treasurer—Herman C. Miller.

Tax Collector—Rodney G. Mills.

Board of Education—Winnifred C. Hoyt, C. Gladys St. John, Arnold B. Bailey.

Auditors—State Tax Commission, Municipal Accounting Division.

Supervisors—Rodney G. Mills, William A. Lord, R. Franklin Mace.

Road Agent—Clayton F. Foote.

Overseer of Poor—Marion Bradbury.

Trustees of Trust Funds—Rodney G. Mills, Constance C. Varnum, Paul T. Bradbury.

Library Trustees—Henry B. Hill, Arnold B. Bailey, Eleanor G. Cutter.

Cemetery Commissioners—Rodney G. Mills, Walter A. Creighton, Clayton F. Foote.

Fire Wards—Norman J. Stewart, Paul T. Bradbury, Harold A. Varnum, Royal S. Cleaves, R. Franklin Mace.

Election Officers—C. Gladys St. John, Shirley Jones, Gladys C. Vadney, Norton R. Brown.

Board of Adjustment—William A. Lord, Harold A. Varnum, Paul T. Bradbury, Ford Bowman, George E. Kunhardt.

Chief of Police—Victor L. White.

Special Police—Norman J. Stewart, Royal S. Cleaves.

Fence Viewers—Norton R. Brown, Edward F. Murphy, William Cole.

Civil Defense Director—Paul T. Bradbury.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the budget as submitted by the Selectmen or make any alterations in the same and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to finance the same as finally adopted.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or borrow on term notes the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), to be used to clean and paint the complete exterior of the First Unitarian Church, known as the Old Meeting House, or take any action relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to purchase and install an electric pump and pipe to supply water in Cemetery No. 3 or take any action relating thereto.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to meet an unpaid balance of the new heating system in the Fire House, or take any action relating thereto.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to improve the playgrounds, or take any action relating thereto.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to be placed in the capital reserve fund for future fire truck replacement, or take any action relating thereto.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the capital reserve fund for Mill Village bridge, or take any action relating thereto.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in the capital reserve fund for highway equipment, or take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to have printed in each subsequent town report the action taken at the previous town meeting.

12. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Committee to study all town cemetery needs, or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Fire Wards, the handling of Fire Dept. appropriated funds in the same manner as other town departments.

14. To see if the Town will vote to close, subject to gates and bars, that road leading from the County Road to the John L. Arnold residence.

15. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Tax Collector a salary of 6/10 of 1% of all taxes collected and remitted to the Town Treasurer.

16. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to reserve from all available Summer Highway Funds, not less than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for road maintenance after September 1, inasmuch as they are responsible for the expenditure of money and the discharge of duties of the highway agent under the Rev. Laws of the State of New Hampshire Chapter 96, Section 9.

17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

18. To see if the Town will vote to have the State of New Hampshire Municipal Auditing Division audit the town books, or take any action relating thereto.

19. To see if the Town will vote to have the next Town Meeting in the evening, or take any action relating thereto.

20. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees, heretofore chosen and take action on same.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to be placed in a capital reserve fund for Town Buildings, or take any action relating thereto.

22. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

FRANCES W. ABBOTT

EDWARD E. JONES

CHARLES W. ABBOTT

Selectmen of Francestown

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

FRANCIS W. ABBOTT

EDWARD E. JONES

CHARLES W. ABBOTT

Selectmen of Francestown

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,598 66	\$3,221 64	\$3,221 64
Savings Bank Tax	106 90	59 46	59 46
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	191 50	222 03	222 03
Business Licenses, Permits and and Filing Fees	26 50	16 00	16 00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	63 00	58 00	58 00
Interest Rec'd on Taxes & Deposits	71 33		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,021 41	2,227 29	2,227 29
Sale of Town Property		105 00	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	500 00	500 00	
From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	402 00	402 00	402 00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$5,583 32	\$6,811 42	\$6,206 42
Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes			39,573 17
TOTAL REVENUES			\$45,779 59

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Year 1955
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,146 00	\$1,146 00	\$1,146 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000 00	1,049 00	1,200 00
Election & Registration Expenses	200 00	142 00	75 00
Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	700 00	710 12	700 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	100 00	100 94	100 00
Fire Dept., Inc. Forest Fires	1,200 00	1,392 73	1,200 00
Insurance	1,500 00	1,408 70	1,400 00
Civil Defense	50 00	24 49	100 00
Health:			
Vital Statistics	12 00	14 50	15 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	150 00	150 00	150 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	6,000 00	5,840 13	6,000 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,500 00	1,956 74	2,000 00
Street Lighting	660 86	659 34	660 00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	500 00	508 45	500 00
Town Road Aid	829 17	829 17	833 89
Libraries:	1,810 00	1,810 00	1,650 68
Public Welfare:			
Old Age Assistance	900 00	906 44	1,000 00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day	10 00	15 20	15 00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playground	100 00	93 00	
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	200 00	176 29	200 00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Year 1955
Unclassified:			
Advertising & Regional As.	99 00	99 00	100 00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	75 00	170 77	170 00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	125 00	120 38	80 00
Outlay for New Constr. & Perm. Improv.			
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction, Special Bridge	2,000 00	2,011 41	
New Equipment, Fire Truck	2,000 00	3,144 00	
Indebtedness:			
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(b) Long Term Notes	2,330 00	2,330 00	1,330 00
Payments to Other Gov. Div.:			
County Tax	3,587 82	3,587 82	3,587 82
School Taxes	22,886 39	20,169 94	21,566 18
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$51,671 24	\$50,566 56	\$45,779 59

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION OF THE
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH
COUNTY FOR THE TAX YEAR 1954**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	VALUATION
Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood & Timber)	\$892,375
Electric Plants	67,924
Horses 26	1,720
Cows 208	26,070
Other Neat Stock 34	2,975
Sheep and Goats 174	5,860
Fowls 5144	4,660
Portable Mills 2	3,200
Road Building & Repairing & Well Drilling Machinery	8,000
Wood, Lumber, etc.	7,400
Gasoline pumps & tanks 4	800
Stock in Trade	7,100
Mills and Machinery	4,950
III. Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	1,033,034
IV. Less: Soldiers' exemptions & exemptions to blind	31,620
V. Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	1,001,414
Public Service Co. of N. H., Electric Plant	67,924
1. Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	\$31,620
3. Number of inventories distributed	380
4. Number of inventories returned	207
5. Number of veterans who received property exemption	37
6. Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	43

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

FRANCIS W. ABBOTT

EDWARD E. JONES

CHARLES W. ABBOTT

Selectmen of Francestown

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1954 OF THE TOWN OF
FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries		\$1,146 00
Town Officers' Expenses		1,000 00
Election and Registration Expenses		200 00
Town Hall & Buildings Maintenance		700 00
Police Department		100 00
Fire Department	\$800 00	
Forest Fires	400 00	
	<hr/>	1,200 00
Civilian Defense		50 00
Dump and Garbage Collection		150 00
Vital Statistics		12 00
Town Road Aid		829 17
Town Maintenance—Summer	\$6,000 00	
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	7,500 00
New Construction		2,000 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		500 00
Insurance		1,500 00
Street Lighting		660 86
New Equipment—Fire Truck Chassis		2,000 00
Libraries		\$1,810 00
Old Age Assistance		900 00
Memorial Day		10 00
Parks and Playgrounds Inc. Band Concerts		100 00
Cemeteries		200 00
Advertising & Regional Associations		99 00
Payments on Debt		2,530 00
County Tax		3,587 32
School Tax		21,566 18
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Total Town and School Appropriations		\$50,350 53

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$3,216 69
Savings Bank Tax	59 46
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of	
Growing Wood & Timber	1,879 30
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,021 41
Dog Licenses	191 50
Business Licenses & Permits	26 50
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	63 00

Int. on Taxes & Income from Trust Funds	71 33	
Total Revenues and Credits		\$7,529 19
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Plus Overlay		\$42,821 34
		240 90
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		\$43,062 44
Less: Number 201 of Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$402 00	
	<hr/>	\$402 00
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Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured.		\$42,660 24
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$42,660 24	
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	402 00	
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Total Taxes to be Committed		\$43,062 24
Approved by Tax Comm. \$4.26		

CERTIFICATE

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FRANCIS W. ABBOTT
EDWARD E. JONES
CHARLES W. ABBOTT
Selectmen of Francestown

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

Title of Appropriations	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amounts Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,146 00		\$1,146 00	\$1,146 00		\$49 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,049 00		
Election and Registration	200 00		200 00	142 00	\$58 00	
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	700 00		700 00	710 12		10 12
Police Department	100 00		100 00	100 94		94
Fire Dept. & Forest Fires	1,200 00	\$100 00	1,300 00	1,392 73		92 73
Fire Truck Appropriation	2,000 00	1,100 00	3,100 00	3,144 00		44 00
Insurance	1,500 00		1,500 00	1,408 70	91 30	
Civil Defense	50 00	49 80	99 80	24 49	75 31	
Vital Statistics	12 00		12 00	14 50		2 50
Town Dump	150 00		150 00	150 00		
Special Culvert Appropriations	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,011 41		11 41
Town Road Aid	829 17		829 17	829 17		
Summer Highway	6,000 00	2,344 09	8,344 09	8,167 67	176 42	
Winter Highway	1,500 00		1,500 00	1,956 74		456 74
Street Lighting	660 86		660 86	659 34	1 52	
General Highway Expense	500 00		500 00	508 45		8 45
Libraries	1,810 00		1,810 00	1,810 00		
Old Age Assistance	900 00		900 00	906 44		6 44
Memorial Day	10 00		10 00	15 20		5 20
Playgrounds	100 00		100 00	93 00	7 00	
Cemeteries	200 00		200 00	176 29	23 71	
Monadnock Region	99 00		99 00	99 00		
Interest—Temporary	75 00		75 00	170 77		95 77
Interest—Long Term	125 00		125 00	120 38	4 62	
Principal of Dept.	2,330 00		2,330 00	2,330 00		
County Tax	3,587 82		3,587 82	3,587 82		
Totals	\$28,784 85	\$3,593 89	\$32,378 74	\$32,724 16	\$437 88	\$783 30
			Overdraft		\$345 42	
					\$783 30	\$783 30

**Financial Report of the Town of Francestown
In Hillsborough County for the Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 1954**

ASSETS

Cash—In hands of treasurer	\$10,751 05	
Cash—In hands of officials	8 33	
Accounts Due to the Town:		
(b) Bounties	125 50	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(b) Levy of 1953	667 85	
(c) Levy of 1952	24 01	
(d) Previous Years	108 65	
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1954	5,157 55	
(b) Levy of 1953	292 79	
(c) Levy of 1952	82 14	
(d) Previous Years	33 40	
(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954	230 00	
(f) State Head Taxes—Previous Years	100 00	
Total Assets		\$17,580 27
Grand Total		\$17,580 27
Net Debt—December 31, 1953	\$1,694 61	
Surplus, December 31, 1954	1,695 13	
Change in Financial Condition	\$3,389 74	

LIABILITIES

Yield Tax Security	\$40 46	
Due to State:		
(a) State Head Taxes—1954		
Uncollected	\$230 00	
Collected—not remitted to State Treas.	58 50	288 50
Due to School District:		
Balance of Appropriation	11,566 18	
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Grader Notes due 1955, 1956, 1957	3,990 00	
Total Liabilities		\$15,885 14
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)		1,695 13
Grand Total		\$17,580 27

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

1. Property Taxes, Current Year, 1954	\$37,704 98	
2. Poll Taxes, Regular at \$2	316 00	
4. Yield Taxes, 1953, 1954	1,338 96	
5. State Head Taxes at \$5, 1954	998 50	
6. Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		\$40,358 44
7. Property Taxes—Previous Years		3,488 41
8. Poll Taxes, regular at \$2		38 00
9. State Head Taxes at \$5, Previous Years & Penalties		114 50
10. Interest received on Taxes		92 33
12. Tax sales redeemed		259 61

From State:

13. For Highways and Bridges:		
(b) For Class V Highway maintenance	\$2,344 09	
14. Interest and dividends tax	3,221 64	
16. Savings Bank Tax & Building & Loan Association Tax	59 46	
18. Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing wood & timber	1,088 66	
20. Fighting forest fires	962 32	
21. Bounties	70 75	
22. Reimbursement for Materials	9 31	
		\$7,751 23

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

24. Dog licenses	\$222 03	
25. Business licenses, permits & filing fees	16 00	
27. Rent of town property	58 00	
30. Fire Department	700 00	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1954		
Permits	2,227 29	
		\$3,223 32

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

34. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$11,000 00	
58. Refunds—Insurance	61 26	
40. New Trust Funds received during year	200 00	
41. Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	500 00	
42. Sale of town property		
White Fire Truck	\$20 00	
Canister Mask	25 00	

Two Cemetery Lots	50 00	
Wilson Land	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$105 00
43. Yield Tax Security		85 00
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		\$11,951 26
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Total Receipts from All Sources		\$67,277 10
Cash on hand January 1, 1954		9,509 62
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Grand Total		\$76,786 72

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$1,146 00
2. Town officers' expenses	1,049 00
3. Election & registration expenses	142 00
5. Expenses town hall & other town buildings	710 12

Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department	100 94
8. Fire department, including forest fires	4,536 73
10. Bounties	125 50
12. Insurance	1,408 70
13. Civil Defense	24 49

Health:

15. Vital statistics	14 50
17. Town dumps & garbage removal	150 00

Highways and Bridges:

18. Town Road Aid, gas money	2,327 54
19. Town Maintenance	
Summer	\$5,840 13
Winter	1,956 74
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	7,796 87
20. Street lighting	659 34
21. General Expenses of Highway Dept.	508 45

Libraries:

22. Libraries	1,810 00
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Public Welfare:

23. Old age assistance	906 44
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Patriotic Purposes:

26. Memorial Day & Veteran's As.	15	20
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Recreation:

28. Parks & playground, spec. approp.	93	00
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Public Service Enterprises:

30. Cemeteries,	176	29	
			\$23,701 11
33. Advertising & Regional As.			99 00
34. Taxes bought by town			686 79
35. Discounts, abatements & refunds			7 98
36. Refund to State a/c Yield Taxes			40 00

Interest:

38. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$170	77	
39. Paid on long term notes	120	38	
			\$291 15

Outlay for New Construction, Equip-
ment & Permanent Improvements:

42. Highways & Bridges—State Aid construction T. R. A.	\$829	17
43. Highways & Bridges—Town con- struction, special bridge approp.	2,011	41

Total Outlay Payments	\$2,840	58
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Indebtedness:

51. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$11,000	00
52. Payments on long term notes	2,330	00
55. Payments to trustees of trust funds (New Funds)	200	00

Total Indebtedness Payments	\$13,530	00
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Payments to Other Gov. Div.:

56. State Head Taxes paid State Treas.:		
1954 Taxes	\$234	30
Prior Years	847	00
		\$1,081 30
57. Taxes paid to County		3,587 82
59. Payments to School Dist.		
1953 Tax	\$10,169	94
1954 Tax	10,000	00
		20,169 94

Total Payments to Other Gov. Div.	\$24,839 06
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$66,035 67
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954	10,751 05
Grand Total	\$76,786 72

Schedule of Town Property

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1. Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$25,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	500 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	5,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000 00
4. Fire Dept., lands and buildings	2,000 00
Equipment	8,000 00
5. Highway Department, lands	150 00
Equipment	8,000 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	15,000 00
Equipment	3,000 00
Town Dump Land	200 00
Total	\$67,850 00

CERTIFICATE

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FRANCES W. ABBOTT

EDWARD E. JONES

CHARLES W. ABBOTT

Selectmen

HERMAN C. MILLER

Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

1954

Auto Permits: 310 Permits Issued		\$2,227 29
Dog Licenses: 13 Females	\$67 50	
1 Kennel	12 50	
75 Males & Spayed	159 83	
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	\$239 83	
Paid Out:		
Commission on 89 dogs	17 80	
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		\$222 03
Filing Fees		9 00
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Total Receipts		\$2,458 32

Respectfully submitted,
 HERMAN C. MILLER
 Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1954

DR.	
Warrant	\$43,062 24
Added Taxes	6 00
Interest collected	2 20
Total debits	<hr/> \$43,070 44

CR.	
Remittances to treasurer	\$36,918 77
Abatements	39 82
Uncollected	6,171 85
Total Credits	<hr/> \$43,070 44

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1953

DR.	
Uncollected	\$3,656 46
Interest collected	90 13
Total debits	<hr/> \$3,746 59

CR.	
Remittances to treasurer	\$3,520 81
Interest collected	90 13
Uncollected	135 65
Total Credits	<hr/> \$3,746 59

SUMMARY OF STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1954

DR.	
Original warrant	\$1,230 00
Added taxes	15 00
Penalties	3 50
Total Debits	<hr/> \$1,248 50

CR.

Remittances to treasurer	\$975 00
Abatements	25 00
Penalties	3 50
Uncollected	245 00
Total Credits	<u>\$1,248 50</u>

SUMMARY OF STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1953

DR.

Uncollected	\$120 00
Penalties collected	9 50
Total Debits	<u>\$129 50</u>

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$95 00
Penalties	9 50
Uncollected	25 00
Total Credits	<u>\$129 50</u>

YIELD TAX

Levy of 1954

DR.

Warrant	\$1,516 52
Total debits	<u>\$1,516 52</u>

CR.

Remittances to treasurer	\$1,039 35
Abatements	370 00
Uncollected	111 71
	<u>\$1,521 06</u>
Rebate	4 54
Total Credits	<u>\$1,516 52</u>

STATEMENT OF TAX SALES

Levy of 1953

Owner unknown, tax cost & Int.	\$9 65
Henry M. Curtis, tax cost & Int.	20 85
Russell A. Anderson, tax cost & Int.	17 11
Alden R. Udall, Tax cost & Int.	154 41
F. F. Foote & Sons Estate, Tax cost & Int.	454 28
Sara Foote Estate, Tax cost & Int.	11 55
Louise Brock, Tax cost & Int.	3 19
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	\$671 04

STATEMENT OF TAX SALES REDEEMED

Levy of 1952

F. F. Foote & Sons	\$213 88
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Levy of 1948

Carl E. Cilley	\$15 75
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	\$229 63

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY G. MILLS

Tax Collector

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER
For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1954 \$9,509 62

Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector:

1948 Tax Sales Redeemed	\$15 75	
1951 Tax Sales Redeemed	14 78	
1952 Tax Sales Redeemed	201 80	
1952 Interest and Cost After Sale	27 28	
		\$259 61

1953 Poll Tax	\$38 00	
1953 Head Tax and Penalties	114 50	
1953 Property Tax	3,488 41	
1953 Interest	90 13	
1953 Yield Taxes	339 61	
		\$4,070 65

1954 Poll Tax	\$316 00	
1954 Head Tax and Penalties	998 50	
1954 Property Tax	37,704 98	
1954 Interest	2 20	
1954 Yield Taxes	999 35	
		\$40,021 03

Herman C. Miller, Clerk:

Auto Permits	\$2,227 29	
Dog Taxes	222 03	
Filing Fees	9 00	
		\$2,458 32

Loans:

Souhegan National Bank (Short Term) \$11,000 00

Rentals:

Town Hall	\$46 00	
Town Grader	12 00	
		\$58 00

Trust Funds:

Estate Mary A. Pettee, Pettee Lot Cemetery Fund \$200 00

Timber Tax (Security):

Lee Barlow	\$40 00	
Perry Lasall	45 00	
		\$85 00

State Treasurer:

Interest & Dividend Tax	\$3,221 64	
Forest Fire	962 32	
Bounty on Porcupine	70 75	
Class V. Highways	2,344 09	
Cement	9 31	
Savings Bank Tax	59 46	
Reimbursement a/c Timber Tax Loss 1953	720 88	
Reimbursement a/c Timber Tax Loss 1954	362 78	
	<hr/>	\$7,751 23

Unclassified:

Pistol Permits	\$3 00	
Building Permits	4 00	
Wolfeboro Fire Precinct, Cannister Mask	25 00	
Trustees Trust Funds, Fire Truck Capitol Reserve Fund	500 00	
A. Kenneth Hambleton Agency, Refund on Insurance Policies	57 26	
Fracestown Fire Dept., Fire Truck Fund	500 00	
Fracestown Fire Dept., Sale of White Truck	20 00	
I. H. Vadney, Cemetery Lot	25 00	
Mary W. Edwards, Cemetery Lot	25 00	
Stuart Clark, Refund on Insurance	4 00	
William Abbott, Sale of Wilson land	10 00	
Fracestown Fire Dept.	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,373 26

Total Receipts	\$76,786 72
Total Payments	66,035 67

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1954	\$10,751 05
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Respectfully submitted,
 HERMAN C. MILLER
 Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property Taxes Current Year	\$37,704 98
Poll Taxes Current Year	316 00
Property and Polls Previous Years	3,526 41
Tax Sales Redeemed	259 61
From State	7,751 23
Trust Funds	200 00
Dog Licenses	222 03
Pistol & Building Permits	7 00
Filing Fees	9 00
Rental of Town Property	58 00
Sale of Town Property	105 00
Interest	92 33
Refunds	61 26
Registration of Motor Vehicles	2,227 29
State Head Taxes	1,113 00
Yield Taxes	1,338 96
Timber Tax Security	85 00
Temporary Loans	11,000 00
Capital Reserve Fund	500 00
Francestown Volunteer Fire Co.	700 00
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$67,277 10
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1954	9,509 62
Grand Total	<hr/> \$76,786 72

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,146 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,049 00
Election & Registration	142 00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	710 12
Police	100 94
Fire Dept. & Forest Fires	4,536 73
Bounties	125 50
Insurance	1,408 70
Civil Defense	24 49
Vital Statistics	14 50
Town Dump	150 00
Special Culvert Approp.	2,011 41
Town Road Aid	829 17
Gas Money	2,327 54
Summer Highway	5,840 13
Winter Highway	1,956 74
Street Lighting	659 34
General Highway Expense	508 45
Libraries	1,810 00
Old Age Assistance	906 44
Memorial Day	15 20
Playgrounds	93 00
Cemeteries	176 29
Yield Tax Security	40 00
Monadnock Region	99 00
Taxes Bought by Town	686 79
Refunds	7 98
Interest—Temporary	170 77
Interest—Long Term	120 38
Temporary Loans	11,000 00
Long Term Notes	2,330 00
Trust Funds	200 00
State	1,081 30
County	3,587 82
School District	20,169 94
Total	<hr/> \$66,035 67
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1955	10,751 05
Grand Total	<hr/> \$76,786 72

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

Francis W. Abbott, selectman	\$270 00	
Edward E. Jones, selectman	270 00	
Charles W. Abbott, selectman	270 00	
Herman C. Miller, town clerk & town treasurer	150 00	
Rodney G. Mills, tax collector	150 00	
Marion Bradbury, overseer of poor	36 00	
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		\$1,146 00

Town Officers' Expenses:

N. H. Assessors Assn., 1954 assessor's dues	\$3 00	
Edson Eastman Co., checklists & supplies	18 62	
Herman C. Miller, supplies & auto permits	182 59	
Wheeler & Clark, dog tax & stamp	20 39	
Transcript Printing Co., town reports	349 30	
Treasurer of U. S., aerial photo of town	13 65	
H. W. Beecher Co., repair on adding machine	9 00	
Sim's Press, signs	6 85	
State Tax Commission, 1953 audit	145 65	
Donat Corriveau, recording deeds & mortgages	15 55	
C. Edward Bourassa, recording estates	40	
Edward E. Jones, expenses & running town lines	19 71	
Ida M. Horner, 1954 Tax Collector's dues	3 00	
Charles R. Hardy, 1954 Town Clerk's dues	2 00	
Branham Publishing Co., clerk's refer- ence book	4 00	
Sargent Bros., tax bills	15 60	
John W. Danforth, typing invoice	15 00	
Rodney G. Mills, postage & supplies	11 50	
Francis W. Abbott, supplies & running town lines	17 00	
Brown & Saltmarsh Co., supplies	90 75	
F. H. Colburn & Co., postage & supplies	18 84	
Stuart Clark, bonds for town officers	80 00	
Charles W. Abbott, postage & running town lines	6 60	
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		\$1,049 00

Election and Registration:

Norton R. Brown, election officer	\$15 00	
Gladys C. Vadney, election officer	15 00	
C. Gladys St. John, election officer		
1953-1954	20 00	
Shirley Jones, election officer	15 00	
Rodney G. Mills, Supervisor of checklist	24 00	
William A. Lord, Supervisor of checklist	24 00	
W. C. MacAdam, moderator	18 00	
Gunnar Isaccson, ballots	11 00	
		\$142 00

Town Hall & Other Town Buildings:

Joseph Ludwig, cementing library base- ment	\$119 08	
Royal Cleaves, repair of church roof	12 00	
Monadnock Lumber Co., sheet rock and nails	12 36	
O. P. Harwood, light fixtures & wiring Selectmen's room	74 16	
C. W. Abbott, labor & material for Selectmen's room	51 86	
C. H. Cragin & Son, welding lawn mower	4 00	
Daniels' Garage, repair of lawn mower	3 43	
F. A. Gleason & Son, repair of lawn mower	6 00	
Robert Houston, labor on Common	11 25	
Robert Fish, electric fan for furnace, plumbing	51 61	
David Rochford, emergency lights	36 00	
Robert Cutter, Jr., labor on Common	35 00	
C. H. Cragin & Son, repair of lawn mower	1 50	
R. Franklin Mace, wood for Town Hall	48 88	
J. B. Vallaincourt, bottle gas for Town Hall	15 00	
Norton Brown, repairs to Town Hall	93 67	
Francetown Electric & Water Co., water for Town Hall	15 00	
Rodney G. Mills, care of Town Clock	13 00	
Gladys C. Vadney, janitor and supplies	36 78	
F. H. Colburn & Co., light bulbs	76	
Public Serv. Co. of N. H., lights for Town Hall	68 78	
		\$710 12

Police:

Royal S. Cleaves, police duty	\$38 07	
Arthur J. Miller, care of tramps	3 00	
Norman J. Stewart, police duty	16 75	
Victor L. White, police duty	43 12	
	<hr/>	\$100 94

Fire Dept., Maintenance:

Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	\$34 48	
Walter Creighton, janitor service	82 00	
C. H. Cragin & Son, repair to trucks	44 45	
I. H. Vadney, supplies	38 48	
American Fire Equipment, supplies	112 31	
Edward Moody & Son, gate valves	29 70	
Daniels' Garage, painting and fuel	63 60	
Robert Cutter Jr., trucking	4 00	
Sanel Auto Co. Inc., supplies	4 80	
Rice Inc., tires for truck	106 00	
Eastern Fire Equipment Co., supplies	23 44	
Manchester Tire & Battery Co., supplies	30 58	
Fire Engineering, subscription	3 50	
F. H. Colburn & Co., gasoline for trucks	13 80	
Gorham Fire Equipment Co., chemical refills	12 20	
Varnum Brothers, anti-freeze	5 80	
LeMay Electric & Machine Co., supplies	10 00	
Frank A. Dill Co. Inc., parts & labor on truck	123 97	
E. H. Edwards & Son, labor at Fire House	11 25	
Preston Coal & Coke Co., part pay- ment on furnace	250 00	
Norman J. Stewart, cash paid for supplies	6 04	
	<hr/>	\$1,010 40

Fire Department—New Truck:

South Street Garage, truck chassis	\$2,099 00	
Edward Moody & Son, truck body & pump	1,045 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,144 00

Forest Fires:

Winthrop Hannaford, Bullard Hill fire 1953	\$62 80
Thomas Curran, Bullard Hill fire 1953	11 90
Lester Foote, Bullard Hill fire 1953	2 97

I. H. Vadney, Bullard Hill fire, supplies	6 73	
Town of New Boston, Bullard Hill fire, 1953	61 00	
Town of Weare, Bullard Hill fire, 1953	36 06	
Town of Bennington, fire at Carroll Dow's	20 25	
Francis W. Abbott, cash paid for express on equipment	2 30	
State of N. H., forest fire equipment	46 92	
Victor L. White, Warden, Scobie Pond and Bennington Road fires	131 40	
	<hr/>	\$382 33

Bounties:

Charles Murdo, 31 hedgehog heads at \$.50	\$15 50	
Robert St. John, 92 hedgehog heads at \$.50	46 00	
Charles W. Abbott, 78 hedgehog heads at \$.50	39 00	
Edward E. Jones, 20 hedgehog heads at \$.50	10 00	
Francis W. Abbott, 30 hedgehog heads at \$.50	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$125 50

Insurance:

Stuart Clark, overall insur. coverage	\$1,282 77	
Employers Liability Ins. Corp., Ltd., workmen's compensation	97 20	
Employers Group, liability insurance	28 73	
	<hr/>	\$1,408 70

Civil Defense:

State of N. H., town's share of Civil Defense, supplies	\$20 09	
Paul Bradbury, metal case	4 40	
	<hr/>	\$24 49

Vital Statistics:

Herman C. Miller, recording	\$14 50
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Town Dump:

Varnum Brothers, bulldozing dump	\$52 00	
Mary Cilley, care of dump	98 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

Special Culvert Appropriation:

Hume Pipe Co. of N. E., culverts	\$717 36	
Ray Road Equipment, culverts	652 60	
Clayton Foote, labor	157 95	
Otis Higgins, labor	96 50	
Herbert Dunlap, labor	106 80	
Floyd McLaughlin, labor	3 54	
George Douglas, labor	52 80	
Joseph Fay, shovel	72 00	
Royal S. Cleaves, truck	6 00	
Leo St. John, truck	13 20	
Merrimack Farmers' Exch. Inc., cement	53 76	
Earl Bullard, truck	25 80	
Willard Archibald, bulldozer	16 50	
Clayton Foote Jr., labor	36 60	
	<hr/>	\$2,011 41

Town Road Aid:

State of N. H., T. R. A.	\$829 17
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Gas Money:

Clayton Foote, highway payrolls	\$2,327 54
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Summer Highway:

Clayton Foote, highway payrolls	\$5,840 13
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Winter Highway:

Clayton Foote, highway payrolls	\$1,956 74
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Street Lighting:

Public Service Co. of N. H., street lights	\$659 34
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General Highway Expense:

Ray Road Equipment Co., culverts	\$218 61	
George Hoyt, trucking bridge planks	15 00	
Paul C. Rockwood, bridge plank	240 00	
Jones Express, express on culverts	2 50	
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., culverts	32 34	
	<hr/>	\$508 45

Libraries:

George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library, 1954 Appropriation	\$1,810 00
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Old Age Assistance:

State Treasurer	\$906 44
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Memorial Day:

Catherine Hickey, flags & veteran's markers	\$15 20
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Playgrounds:

Varnum Brothers, bulldozing field	\$70 00	
George Houghton, loam	18 00	
Francis W. Abbott, labor on ball field	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$93 00

Cemeteries:

C. H. Cragin & Son, repair on lawn mower	\$3 11	
Catherine Hickey, veteran's grave markers	48 18	
Rodney G. Mills, labor	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$126 29

Yield Tax Security:

Rodney G. Mills, timber tax security	\$40 00
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Monadnock Region:

Monadnock Region As., 1954 Appro.	\$99 00
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Taxes Bought by Town:

Owner Unknown	\$9 65
Henry M. Curtis	20 85
Russell A. Anderson	17 11
Alden R. Udall	154 41
F. F. Foote & Sons	454 28
Sara Foote Estate	11 55
Louise Brock	3 19
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Refunds:

Leo Barlow, refund on yield tax security	
W. C. MacAdam, auto permit refund	
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Interest:

First National Bank of Peterborough, interest on long term notes	\$18 06	
Souhegan National Bank of Milford, interest on long term notes	107 88	
Souhegan National Bank of Milford, interest on temporary loans	165 21	
	<hr/>	\$291 15

Temporary Loans:

Souhegan National Bank, Milford	\$11,000 00
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Long Term Notes:

First National Bank of Peterborough, Turnpike note	\$500 00	
First National Bank of Peterborough, Turnpike note	500 00	
Souhegan National Bank, Milford grader note	1,330 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,330 00

Trust Funds:

George Pettee Cemetery Fund	\$200 00
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State of New Hampshire:

Treas., State of N. H., 1953 Head Taxes	\$234 30	
Treas., State of N. H., 1954 Head Taxes	847 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,081 30

County Tax:

Treas., Hillsborough County, County Tax	\$3,587 82
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School District:

Elizabeth Jones, School Treasurer:		
1953-1954 School appropriation	\$10,169 94	
1954-1955 School appropriation	10,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$20,169 94

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Souhegan National Bank, Milford, N. H.:

3—\$1,330 notes on Grader due in 1955, 1956, 1957 \$3,990 00

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Winter Highway:

Labor:

Clayton Foote	\$368 55	
Otis Higgins	248 90	
Harry Varnum	93 13	
Walter Foote	36 20	
Robert Foote	13 75	
Franklin Hadley	3 75	
Clayton Philbrick	40 50	
Herbert Dunlap	25 60	
Warren Meardow	37 40	
Thomas Bixby, truck & tractors	54 25	
Royal Cleaves	561 00	
Varnum Brothers	35 40	
Pearl Abbott, sand	8 00	
F. H. Colburn Co., supplies	5 80	
I. H. Vadney, gas	1 45	
Daniels' Garage, fuel	36 05	
Cassellini Venable Co., oil filters	5 25	
Ray Road Equipment, blades	82 40	
Northeastern Petroleum Co. Inc., oil	92 41	
Merrimack Farmers' Exch., salt	46 40	
Morrissey Brothers Tractor Co., repairs	2 45	
Newhall's Garage	94 40	
Nutting & Abbott, sand	9 00	
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Total		\$1,902 04

Respectfully submitted,
 CLAYTON F. FOOTE
 Road Agent

Gas Money and Labor:

Clayton Foote	\$622 35
Otis Higgins	451 20
Herbert Dunlap	400 90
Clayton Foote, Jr.	5 50
James Champagne	7 00
Walter Foote	7 00
Clifton Foote	7 50
Earl Bullard, tractor mower	63 00
Earl Bullard, cold patch	70 00
Edward Holt, tractor mower	84 00
Thomas Bixby, truck & shovel	348 00
Royal Cleaves, truck	13 20
Mary Cilley, signs	3 00

F. H. Colburn & Co., supplies	27 81
I. H. Vadney, supplies	7 98
Merrimack Farmers Exch.	9 75
Daniels' Garage, fuel	49 77
Cassellini Ven. Corp.	38 48
Calcium chloride	54 00

Total

\$2,270 44

Respectfully submitted,
 CLAYTON F. FOOTE
 Road Agent

Summer Highway:

Labor:

Clayton Foote	\$846 40
Otis Higgins	633 80
Herbert Dunlap	222 80
William Cole	26 40
Clayton Foote, Jr.	30 80
Robert Smith	43 80
Earl Bullard	7 50
Tommy Kurns	8 80
Norman Stuart	5 50

Trucks & Shovels:

Varnum Brothers, shovel & bulldozer	\$384 50
Royal Cleaves	135 30
Thomas Bixby	757 00
Stanley Rainey	120 00
Edward Holt	106 20
Floyd Cornwell	310 20
Clyde Eaton	195 75
George Somero	49 50

Gravel:

Mrs. William Cole	\$40 00
Pearl Abbott	16 00
Nutting & Abbott	24 40
William Cole, bridge stringers	25 00
Daniels' Garage, fuel	17 85
Daniels' Garage, compressor	56 70
Ray Road Equipment	37 72
C. H. Cragin & Son	17 11
Clyde Eaton, sander	18 00
Bituminous Products Co.	1,662 40

\$5,799 43

Respectfully submitted,
 CLAYTON F. FOOTE
 Road Agent

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

February 21, 1955

Board of Selectmen
Francestown, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual audit and examination of the accounts of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets: Dec. 31, 1953-Dec. 31, 1954:
(Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1953 and December 31, 1954, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein the financial condition changed from a Net Debt of \$1,694.61 to a Surplus of \$1,697.13 in 1954.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decreases in Debt (Increases in Surplus)		
Net Budget Surplus	\$2,341 22	
Long Term Note Paid	2,330 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,671 22
Increases in Debt (Decreases in Surplus)		
Decrease in Accounts Payable	\$895 88	
Decrease in Cash in Hands of Collector		
(Interest)	1 66	
Yield Tax Abatements	370 00	
Tax Liens Transferred to Tax Deeds	11 94	
	<hr/>	\$1,279 48
Change in Financial Condition		<hr/> \$3,391 74

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits C & D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$853.49, plus a net revenue surplus of \$1,487.73, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$2,341.22.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1954, is indicated in Exhibit F.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

Conclusion:

Our thanks is extended to the officials of the Town of Frances-town for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,
HAROLD G. FOWLER
 Director
 Division of Municipal Accounting
 State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor
 Joseph W. Boudreau, Accountant

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town on December 31, 1954, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor
Joseph W. Boudreau, Accountant

Francestown, N. H.
December 31st, 1954

Board of Selectmen,
Francestown, N. H.

Gentlemen:

It is our request that the attached letter and the two financial reports be published in the Town Report.

Yours truly,
NORMAN J. STEWART
HAROLD A. VARNUM
R. F. MACE
PAUL S. BRADBURY
R. S. CLEAVES

Town Fire Wards
Francestown, N. H.

Francestown, N. H.
December 31, 1954

Board of Selectmen,
Francestown, N. H.

Gentlemen:

The Town Fire Wards hereby submit their report for the fiscal year 1954.

During the early part of the year, the new "Tanker" was placed in commission and has more than proved its worth by the service already given. It is our intention to modernize the "G. M. C. Tanker" so that it will have equal efficiency. We believe that this will be accomplished without need of funds over and above our Budget as submitted.

The old "White Pumper" was retired and sold and the "Diamond T." received a major repair job on the pump.

The "Furnace" has become obsolete and dangerous and the State Fire Marshal's Office has repeatedly requested that it be replaced with a modern safe system. This was done at a moderate cost, as the report and Budget shows.

The Volunteer Fire Company, has donated generously of their funds to help defray the cost of the additional and unexpected expenses during the year.

In submitting our Budget for 1955, we have endeavored to segregate our anticipated expenses and costs, so that it will no longer be necessary to use operating appropriations for capital repairs and improvements on the equipment and Fire Station.

The Volunteer Fire Company intends to donate an amount equal to that voted by Town for Truck Replacement Fund.

The total value of buildings in which fires occurred was \$29,000 and total loss on these buildings amounted to \$13,813.

Yours truly:

NORMAN STEWART
ROYAL CLEAVES
FRANKLIN MACE
HAROLD VARNUM
PAUL T. BRADBURY

Fire Wards
Franeestown, N. H.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1954
TOWN FIRE WARDS, FRANEESTOWN, N. H.

INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$800 00	
Sale of White Truck	20 00	
Sale of Gas Mask	25 00	
		<hr/> \$845 00

EXPENDITURES

Public Service	\$38 26	
Gasoline	43 16	
Janitor & other service	99 59	
Truck repairs	174 36	
Painting truck	15 00	
Fuel	48 60	
Equipment & supplies	228 51	
Tires	106 00	
Part payment heating system	250 00	
		<hr/> \$1,003 48

Overdraft Balance	*\$158 48
Less—donation to Town by the Fire Co.	100 00
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Total overdraft balance	*\$58 48
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NORMAN STEWART
ROYAL CLEAVES
FRANKLIN MACE
HAROLD VARNUM
PAUL BRADBURY

Fire Wards
Franeestown, N. H.

Fracestown, N. H.
January 1, 1955

Board of Selectmen
Fracestown, N. H.

Gentlemen:

The Town Fire Wards hereby submit their budget for the fiscal year 1955.

Operating expenses	\$800 00
Balance due on new heating system	250 00
Truck Replacement Fund	100 00
Repairs to Station	100 00
1954 Overdraft balance	58 48

Total	<hr/> \$1,308 48
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NORMAN STEWART
ROYAL CLEAVES
FRANKLIN MACE
HAROLD VARNUM
PAUL BRADBURY

Fire Wards
Fracestown, N. H.

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BUDGET TOWN ACCOUNT

	1954 Expenditures	1955 Budget
Salaries	\$555 00	\$576 00
Cleaning	76 50	90 00
Janitor	29 71	20 00
Grounds Care		40 00
Fuel	181 46	200 00
Magazines	44 50	60 00
Books	502 18	480 00
Supplies & Petty Cash	30 00	60 00
New Equipment and Repairs	283 08	280 00
Bank Charges	9 89	10 00
Totals	\$1,712 32	\$1,816 00

FINANCIAL REPORT 1954

Receipts:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1954	\$41 86	
Town appropriation	1,810 00	
Fine money	25 78	
Total		\$1,877 64

Expenditures:

Town account expenditures total	\$1,712 32	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1954	165 32	
		\$1,877 64

GIFT ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Improvement Society, Doll money 1953	\$100 00
Improvement Society, Doll money 1954	51 00
Library annual bridge party	163 00

Interest:

Arthur Clark & Mary Manning Fund	30 76
A. B. Hill Fund	37 50
Extra Fine Money, 1953	4 90
Total	\$387 16

Expenditures:		
Books	\$300 73	
Bank charges	2 43	
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Total	\$303 15	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	84 01	
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		\$387 16

Respectfully submitted,
 HENRY B. HILL
 ELEANOR G. CUTTER
 ARNOLD B. BAILEY
 Trustees

FRANCESTOWN VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The Francestown Village Improvement Society has named its recreation field, Veterans' Field and a plaque bearing the following inscription will be placed there:

VETERANS' FIELD

"In Memory of the Veterans from Francestown who took part in the Wars of Our Country. This Field is provided for the use of the Residents of Francestown by the Francestown Village Improvement Society."

A new flag pole has been erected on the field and a flag has been presented to us by The Ladies' Grand Army of the Republic.

We have done some grading and planting around the Town Hall which we hope to improve each year.

We have contributed to the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library and under the chairmanship of Mrs. Arnold Bailey hope to renovate the historical rooms.

We have entered our town in the New Hampshire Roadside Improvement Contest, an organization which encourages individuals and organizations to compete in beautifying their community.

Our annual Labor Day Celebration was held under sunny skies this year and was a great success. Just as The Francestown Village Improvement Society depends upon Labor Day for its financial support so it depends upon the cooperation of all of the citizens of Francestown in carrying out its projects.

This fine community spirit is found among young and old in Francestown, and the officers of the society join me in thanking you for the support you have given The Francestown Village Improvement Society during the past year.

GRACE EVANS, President

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY CEMETERY NEEDS

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Your Committee Reports as Follows:

A map of Cemetery No. 3 has been modified and corrected by the committee and there is now available a chart showing each Cemetery lot with notation as to perpetual care and if any one is buried there.

This was accomplished with the cooperation of Mr. Rodney G. Mills, whose detailed records were invaluable. An alphabetical list was made showing location of each grave. The map now clearly shows only 12 suitable single lots available.

Several new locations for additional cemetery space are under advisement by the selectmen, but there has been insufficient time to communicate with owners as to their willingness to sell and as to cost. It is very evident that some action must be taken very soon to increase our Cemetery space.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ EUNICE D. PATCH
s/ ARNOLD B. BAILEY
s/ ROYAL S. CLEAVES

February 6, 1955

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator: Mr. Harry A. Loebel	Term Expires March 1955
Clerk: Mrs. Elizabeth Jones	March 1955
Treasurer: Mrs. Elizabeth Jones	June 1955
Auditor: Mrs. Eleanor Cutter	March 1955

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Winnifred Hoyt, Chairman	March 1955
Mrs. C. Gladys St. John, Secretary	March 1956
Mr. Arnold Bailey	March 1957

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Newell J. Paire

TEACHING STAFF

Mr. Robert Morgan, Principal, Grades 5, 6, 7, 8
 Miss Hazel Clement, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4
 Miss Ethelyn G. Edwards, Music Supervisor

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Sybil M. Beatham, R. N.

TRUANT OFFICER AND CUSTODIAN

Mrs. C. Gladys St. John

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1954-55:

School opens Jan. 3, 1955 to Feb. 18
 School opens Feb. 28, to April 22.
 School opens May 2, to June 17.

1955-56:

School opens Sept. 7, 1955, Closes Nov. 23 at 12:15 (one session)
 School opens Nov. 28, closes Dec. 20.
 School opens Jan. 4, 1956, closes February 17.
 School opens Feb. 27, closes April 20.
 School opens April 30, closes June 15.
 Holidays: Veterans' Day Nov. 11, Closes 12:15 (one session)
 Memorial Day May 30.
 Teachers' Convention: October 13 and 14.
 Total Number of School Days 180.
 Total Number of Weeks 38.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of
Francestown qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 4th day of March 1955, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Given under our hands at said Francestown this 14th day of February 1955.

WINNIFRED C. HOYT
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
ARNOLD B. BAILEY

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

WINNIFRED C. HOYT
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
ARNOLD B. BAILEY

School Board

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Administration:

Salaries of District Officers:

Eleanor G. Cutter	\$5 00	
Commissioner of Public Welfare	8 55	
Harold Varnum	30 00	
Elizabeth Jones	27 00	
C. Gladys St. John	30 00	
Winnifred Hoyt	48 00	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	2 71	
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		\$151 86

Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)

Supervisory Union No. 63	383 72
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Tax for State Wide Supervision:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	174 00
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Salaries of other Administrative Personnel:

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$336 40	
C. Gladys St. John	12 00	
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		\$348 40

Supplies and Expenses:

Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc.	\$9 45	
Supervisory Union No. 63	127 97	
Elizabeth Jones	10 42	
Joslin Hardware	1 12	
Winnifred Hoyt	3 00	
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		\$151 96

Instruction:

Teachers' Salaries:

Robert Morgan	\$2,155 10	
Hazel Clement	2,247 32	
Ethelyn Edwards	296 30	
Nina Abbott	8 00	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	432 90	
Director of Internal Revenue	755 20	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	38 10	
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		\$5,932 92

Books and Other Instructional Aids:

C. S. Hammond & Co.	\$7 50
Rodeheaver Hall-Mack Co.	2 10
Ginn and Co.	22 14
L. W. Singer Co., Inc.	24 34
Scott, Foresman & Co.	72 02

Rand McNally & Co.	39 12	
C. C. Birchard & Co.	20 19	
Wm. L. Nutting, Inc.	6 83	
The Grolier Society Inc.	3 25	
Robert Morgan	1 81	
National Education Association	1 58	
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		\$200 88

Scholars' Supplies:

Ginn & Co.	\$10 42	
D. C. Heath & Co.	6 84	
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	11 00	
Bostitch-Northeast, Inc.	7 60	
Silver Burdett Co.	7 34	
L. W. Singer Co., Inc.	12 76	
Mainco Trading Co.	10 76	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	8 15	
Allyn & Bacon	16 10	
Supervisory Union No. 63	54 55	
Laidlaw Brothers	49 03	
J. E. Davidson	6 50	
Milton, Bradley Co.	28 76	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	78 90	
Junior Scholastics	15 00	
American Education Publications	26 15	
Charles Scribners Sons	3 04	
Tri-State Office Equipment Co.	42 42	
Graphic School Supply Co.	18 63	
J. L. Hammett Co.	47 32	
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		\$461 27

Supplies and Other Expenses:

Tri-State Office Equipment Co.	\$ 78	
Martin & Murray Co., Inc.	15 45	
The Art Centre	13 60	
Wm. L. Nutting, Inc.	13 27	
C. S. Hammond & Co.	3 07	
Wilton School District	7 50	
University of New Hampshire	60 00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	9 98	
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		\$123 65

Operation of School Plant:

Salaries of Janitors:

Arthur J. Miller	\$389 20	
C. Gladys St. John	45 75	
Andrew W. Clark, Jr.	4 50	
Commissioner of Public Welfare	4 20	
Treasurer of State of New Hampshire	6 60	
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		\$450 25

Fuel or Heat:

Draper Fuel Co.	\$382 50
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Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$119 32	
West Disinfecting Co.	85 09	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange	6 76	
Alan H. Murray	8 01	
Central Paper Products Co.	26 21	
Wilton School District	21 85	
Pioneer Mfg. Co.	4 06	
Holcomb Mfg. Co.	11 50	
Fuller Brush Co.	1 83	
Francestown Electric & Water Co.	24 48	
F. H. Colburn	3 37	
O. P. Harwood	15 00	
Joslin Hardware Co.	1 35	
Science Research Associates	6 89	
		\$335 72

Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs and Replacements:

Beckley-Cardy Co.	\$71 60	
Howard N. Chase	10 20	
L. C. Robbins	225 00	
Wilton Plumbing & Heating Corp.	11 25	
Robert B. Fish	78 81	
Joslin Hardware Co.	1 35	
Leo A. St. John	12 00	
Donald E. Hoyt	26 00	
O. P. Howard	5 25	
A. G. Gosselin Co., Inc.	3 62	
		\$445 08

Auxiliary Activities:

Health Supervision:

Sybil Beatham	\$242 29	
N. H. Retirement System	8 00	
Louis Weiderhold, M. D.	64 00	
Derby and Little	3 00	
		\$317 29

Transportation:

Arthur Lord	\$1,217 20	
Yvonne Creighton	649 05	
Franklin Hadley	358 00	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	115 95	
		\$2,340 20

Tuition:

Peterborough School District	\$5,099 18	
Hancock Educational Association	275 00	
School District of New Boston	240 00	
Brewster Academy	225 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,839 18

Special Activities and Special Funds:

Lynch's Sports Equipment Co.	\$31 49	
University of N. H.	5 50	
N. H. School Board's Association	3 00	
Study Films Center	15 00	
The Art Center	4 95	
	<hr/>	\$59 94

School Lunch:

Francetown School Lunch	\$384 40	
Director of Internal Revenue	77 70	
	<hr/>	\$462 10

Fixed Charges:

N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	\$415 08
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Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses:

G. A. Reynolds	\$5 00	
Stewart F. Clark, Ins. Agent	340 46	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	12 51	
Commissioner of Public Welfare	12 75	
	<hr/>	\$370 72

Capital Outlay:

New Equipment:		
Standard Duplicating Machine Co.	\$75 00	
W. W. Adrian	38 45	
	<hr/>	\$113 45

Debt and Interest:

Principal of Debt:

Souhegan National Bank	\$500 00
Interest on Debt:	
Souhegan National Bank	\$97 42

Money Expended, to be Refunded:

Blue Cross: N. H. Hospitalization Service	\$156 45
Beckley-Cardy Co.	24 44
Humphrey's Inc.	225 00

Cascade Paper Co.	20 89	
Seaman's Supply Co.	9 71	
	<hr/>	\$436 49
Total Gross Payments		<hr/> \$20,494 08

School Lunch Report

The summary below covers the receipts, expenditures, and balances of the School Lunch Program for the Fiscal Year 1954:

Cash on Hand July 1, 1953 \$324 45

Receipts:

Lunch Sales, Children	\$1,580 68	
Lunch Sales, Adults	81 19	
Reimbursements	384 40	
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,053 77

Total Available Cash \$2,378 22

Expenditures:

Food	\$1,363 82	
Labor	852 00	
Equipment	2 00	
All other	81 84	
	<hr/>	\$2,299 66

Actual Cash Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1954 \$78 56

Respectfully submitted,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN, Manager

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

SUMMARY

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers	\$151 86
2. Supt.'s Salary (Local Share)	364 59
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	174 00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	348 40
5. Supplies and Expenses	151 96

INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' Salaries	5,932 92
7. Books and Other Instruc. Aids	200 88
8. Scholars' Supplies	461 27
10. Supplies and Other Expenses	123 65

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salaries of Custodians	450 25
12. Fuel	382 50
13. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	335 72

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements	445 08
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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision	317 29
16. Transportation	2,340 20
17. Tuition	5,839 18
18. Special Activities & Special Funds	59 94
18a. School Lunch	384 40

FIXED CHARGES:

19. Retirement	415 08
20. Insurance, Bonds & Expenses	351 21

Total Net Current Expenses	<hr/>	\$19,230 38
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CAPITAL OUTLAY:

23. New Equipment	113 45
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DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Principal of Debt	500 00
26. Interest on Debt	97 42

Total Net Payments for all Purposes	<hr/>	\$19,941 25
Cash on Hand at End of Year June 30, 1954		780 21

Grand Total Payments	<hr/>	\$20,721 46
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RECEIPTS

Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	\$384 40
Local Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	19,169 94
Other Sources	495 00
Elementary Tuitions	495 00
Other	5 01
Total Net Receipts	\$20,054 35
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1953	667 11
Grand Total Net Receipts	\$20,721 46

Respectfully submitted,
 WINNIFRED HOYT
 C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
 ARNOLD BAILEY
 School Board

 SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Notes and Bonds Outstanding as of June 30, 1954	\$2,500 00
Due Sept. 1954, Principal and Interest	\$543 75
Due March 1955, Interest	35 00
Due Sept. 1955, Principal and Interest	535 00
Due March 1956, Interest	26 25
Due Sept. 1956, Principal and Interest	526 25
Due March 1957, Interest	17 50
Due Sept. 1957, Principal and Interest	517 50
Due March 1958, Interest	8 75
Due Sept. 1958, Principal and Interest	508 75

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1955-56

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955, and comparative analysis of expenditures:

	Expended 1953-54	Budgeted 1954-55	Estimated Budget 1955-56
A. ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$151 86	\$140 60	\$140 60
2. *Supt.'s Salary (local share)	364 59	373 93	393 96
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	174 00	180 00	188 00
4. Salaries of Other Admn. Personnel	215 53	218 36	215 84
5. Supplies and Expenses	284 83	267 05	275 56
B. INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' Salaries	5,932 92	6,370 00	**6,895 00
7. Books & Other Instruc. Aids	200 88	250 00	260 00
8. Scholars' Supplies	461 27	416 00	421 00
10. Other Instructional Expenses	123 65	126 00	126 00
C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
11. Salary of Custodian	450 25	490 00	490 00
12. Fuel or Heat	382 50	400 00	450 00
13. Water, Light & Other Expenses	335 72	262 25	262 25
D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
14. Repairs and Replacements	445 08	250 00	250 00
E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:			
15. Health Supervision	317 29	340 00	335 00
16. Transportation	2,340 20	2,404 00	2,659 00
17. Tuition: High School	5,839 18	8,445 00	8,365 00
Elementary		300 00	300 00
18. Special Activities	59 94	45 00	45 00
18a. School Lunch	384 40		
F. FIXED CHARGES:			
19. Teacher Retirement	415 08	439 93	473 06
20. Insurance, Bonds & Expenses	351 21	317 00	330 00
Total Current Expenses	\$19,230 18	\$22,035 39	\$22,875 27
G. CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
21. Land and New Buildings		200 00	100 00
23. New Equipment	113 45	72 00	165 50
H. DEBT AND INTEREST:			
25. Payments on Principal	500 00	500 00	500 00
26. Payments of Interest	97 42	79 00	61 25
Total Net Payments	\$19,941 05	\$22,886 39	\$23,702 02
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget	\$19,941 05	\$22,886 39	\$23,702 02

I. Payments of "In & Out" Items 552 83

J. Total Gross Payments for All
Purposes 20,494 08

K. Income of District:	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED
Balance on Hand June 30, 1953	667 11	780 21	None
Elementary Tuitions	495 00	540 00	525 00
School Lunch	384 40		
Other Sources	5 01		
Local Taxation	19,169 94		
In & Out Items Received	552 83		

Total Income	\$21,274 29	\$1,320 21	\$525 00
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L. Total Assessment Required to
Cover School Board's Budget \$19,169 94

M. Total Estimated Assessment Re-
quired to Meet School Board's Budget \$21,566 18 \$23,177 02

Balance on Hand June 30, 1954 \$78 56

****Mr. Bailey approves this item with reservations.**

***Supervisory Union's Share of Superintendent's Salary is \$4,525, State's Share \$2,500.**

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954****SUMMARY**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1953		\$667 11
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$19,169 94	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Funds	\$384 40	
Received from tuitions	495 00	
Received from all Other Sources	557 84	
Total Receipts		<u>\$20,607 18</u>
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$21,274 29
Less School Board Orders Paid		<u>20,494 08</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1954		\$780 21

ELIZABETH H. JONES

Dated July 1, 1954

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Francetown of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

ELEANOR CUTTER

July 3, 1954

Auditor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF FRANCESTOWN:

I respectfully submit my eighth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

INSTRUCTION

We were very fortunate in being able to retain the services of Mr. Robert Morgan and Miss Hazel Clement for the school year 1954-55. One of the most serious educational problems facing small towns in this age of increased enrollments and teacher shortages, is the retention of teachers in a situation long enough so that the educational philosophy will have some continuity. A good teaching climate and adequate salaries are two of the most important criteria for retention of teachers. It is hoped that we may continue to have both of these so that we are not constantly becoming a training ground for new teachers. The work of the school is moving along efficiently and effectively and good educational progress is being made. It is interesting to note that Francestown is one of the few towns that is not presently experiencing an influx of additional pupils, swelling the enrollment of the school. From the September census of 1954 it appears that our school will be smaller in 1955-56 than at the present time and the overcrowdedness that we experienced in the fall of 1953 is on the wane, at least temporarily.

Reduced numbers in our school means that teacher effectiveness will be increased, with more time available to spend with individuals who need that extra attention for them to become successful.

The past several years much space has been devoted in describing and analyzing the educational program. Basically it has not changed with the exception that as our testing program reveals certain areas that need more attention, added emphasis and improved techniques are applied to correct these weaknesses. You are fortunate in having teachers who are constantly alert to the individual needs of the children under their tutelage.

The music program is again supervised and directed by Miss Ethelyn Edwards who is doing a very capable piece of work.

Our health program is functioning effectively under the direction of Miss Sybil Beatham and Dr. Weiderhold. It is hoped that next year the dental health program can be expanded to include more pupils and more services. Matching funds, made available through the State Dental Health Program, are available if they are informed by May 1, of the amount you desire to have matched, such amount not to exceed \$100 under the present appropriation. Many Parent Teachers Groups have taken this on as a project; in other districts it is financed by school district vote.

The School Lunch program, which has become a very definite part of our educational program, is being very effectively managed by Mrs. C. Gladys St. John. The financial details of this program are explained in another part of the School Report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Several improvements to our school building were made this past summer and fall. A ceiling has been installed in the kitchen and work is in progress to fire-proof the boiler room. A recent survey by the State Fire Marshal's Office revealed that certain safety devices should be added to our boiler. These have been completed.

An effort has been made to install a walk in front of the school building. We went as far as we could go with the funds available, and we hope to complete the job this summer by extending the walk to the road leading to the playground. Much of the original \$200 for this purpose was used to provide proper drainage, involving a "catch-basin" and pipe run-off to the brook, thereby leaving only a small amount to construct the sidewalk.

The fire exit leading from the upper grade room to the ground is badly in need of repair and the School Board has included an amount of \$75 in its budget to perform this work.

We still have a very bad condition on our playground. The fall rains washed away a large part of the fill that has been brought in over the past three years, making a large part of our playground unusable or exceedingly dangerous for children to use. Adequate drainage should be considered in the near future as well as a great deal more fill. A small portion of the playground should be hard-topped with asphalt, or similar material, to provide an outdoor basketball court and play area. Despite the fact the acreage of the play area is comparatively large only a small part of it can be used in its present condition.

FINANCE

The School Board's Budget for 1955-56 calls for an appropriation of \$23,702.02 an increase of \$815.63 over that of last year. The major increases are reflected in Teachers' Salaries \$525; Transportation \$255; New Equipment \$93.50. Miscellaneous decreases result in the net increase mentioned above.

Elementary tuitions for sending districts to Francetown were increased from \$150 per pupil to \$175 per pupil. We expect three pupils from North Lyndeborough next year making the estimated income \$525. Thus it would appear that the estimated assessment for 1955-56 would be \$23,177.02 an increase of \$1,610.84 over that of 1954-55, minus any balance that may exist at the end of the school year or any unanticipated income.

CONCLUSION

I again wish to express my sincere appreciation for the fine cooperation that has been extended to me and the teaching staff by the Francetown School Board, parents and citizens of the town. The atmosphere has been one of interest and congeniality, thus establishing a climate for the best work of which we are capable.

NEWELL J. PAIRE
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

As School Nurse in the Francetown School I made nineteen visits to the school during the year. The general health of the children was good, but there are many colds during the winter months.

By means of the Snellon Chart I tested the vision of the children and found eleven were defective. Eight of these children received further care by private oculists. The group audiometer was used in testing the hearing and there was no severe hearing loss demonstrated among the pupils.

Four home visits were made during the year for conferences with the parents about remedial action to be taken about defects. There were numerous small bruises and cuts to be treated with first aid while I was in the school.

The children were weighed and measured three times during the year and most showed a satisfactory gain. There were four children who were definitely overweight, and two underweight. Notes were sent to the parents about all defects.

Dr. Weiderhold examined the children in October and found the following defects:

Defective teeth	9
Enlarged tonsils and glands	2
Enlarged tonsils	10
Defective posture	2
Wax in ears	1

In June I met the children at the Pre-school Roundup and nine were registered, measured and the vision was tested.

Respectfully submitted,
SYBIL M. BEATHAM, R. N.
School Nurse

STATISTICS ENDING JUNE 30, 1954

ENROLLMENT

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	13	9	5	7					34
Grammar					10	13	6	10	39
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							Total		73

ATTENDING SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE

Peterborough High School	18
New Boston High School	1
Hancock High School	1
Private Schools Outside District	4

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Total	Tardinesses Per Pupil
Primary	30.54	29.10	95.28	19	.56
Grammar	34.68	33.30	96.00	51	1.53
Visits by Superintendent	60				

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

One Year: Jerry Cilley, Roger Cilley, Clyde Cilley, and Gene Clark.

STATISTICS FOR FIRST TWENTY WEEKS 1954-55

Census (Ages 1 day to 18 yrs. incl.) Boys 71; Girls 45; Total	116
Attending Schools in Francetown	54
Attending Public Schools Outside District	22
Attending Private Schools Outside District	4

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	10	9	7	5					31
Grammar					6	7	8	7	28
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									59

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Primary	30.99	28.47	91.87
Grammar	28.14	26.52	94.25

TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Francess town on December 31, 1954

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND—PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	Balance Principal Beginning Year	Balance Principal End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1852	Levi Woodbury—Educational	Savings Bank	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$32 03	\$31 19	\$33 35	\$29 87
1946	Capitol Reserve Fund	Savings Bank	500 00	500 00	23 96	10 24		34 20
	Geo. H. Bixby—Library Fund	Bonds	1,500 00	1,500 00		37 50	37 50	
	Geo. H. Bixby Library Fund—Library	Savings Bank	1,025 00	1,025 00		30 76	30 76	
1954	Geo. F. Pettie Cemetery	Savings Bank	200 00	200 00				
1954	Vose and Blake Cemetery	Savings Bank	450 00	450 00				
1954	Co-Mingled Fund "A"—Cemetery	Savings Bank	3,609 28	3,609 28	479 92			479 92
1954	Co-Mingled Fund "B"—Cemetery	Savings Bank	5,725 00	5,725 00	895 24			895 24
	Note—Funds "A" and "B" were created as of Dec. 31, 1954 and contain all funds except those listed above							

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date January 1955.

PAUL T. BRADBURY
RODNEY G. MILLS
CONSTANCE VARNUM
Trustees of Trust Funds

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1934

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex		No. Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name Mother	Color	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
			Sex	Condition							
1934											
Jan. 4	Peterborough	Ellen Diane Myers	F	L	5	Henry J. Myers, Jr.	Gladys E. L. Hansen	W	Freight Cond.	Boston, Mass.	Boston, Mass.
Jan. 25	Peterborough	Stuart F. Clark, Jr.	M	L	2	Stuart F. Clark	Priscilla Davis	W	Ins. Broker	Francestown	Boston, Mass.
May 30	Brattleboro, Vt.	David M. Weaver	M	L	4	Wallace H. Weaver	Dorothy Goodenough	W	Herdsmen	Kingston, N. B.	Moers Forks, N. Y.
Aug. 5	Francestown	Arthur N. Johnson	M	L	5	Edward E. Johnson	Marion L. Higgins	W	Laborer	Westmordland	Millford
Aug. 17	Goffstown	Sfa Juliana Foote	F	L	1	Lester John Foote	Sfa Juliana Hilton	W	Grist Mill Wkr.	Francestown	Hillsboro
Sept. 2	Peterborough	Jacqueline A. Plude	F	L	2	Arthur M. Plude	Adele B. Ledoux	W	Cabinet maker	New Britain, Ct.	Tilton

Marriages Registered in the Town of Francess town, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Place & Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1954								
Jan. 3	Robert Milton Foote	Francess town	19	Navy	New Hampshire	Clayton F. Foote	New Hampshire	Donald S. Ewing
Francess town	Marion Idell Morga	Francess town	26	IBM Operator	New Hampshire	Amy B. Blanchard	New Hampshire	Minister
Feb. 20	Lester John Foote	Francess town	29	Millworker	New Hampshire	May L. Miller	New Hampshire	Greenfield
Greenfield	Sfa Juliana Hilton	Hillsboro	29	Millworker	New Hampshire	Ernest F. Foote	New Hampshire	Donald S. Ewing
May 8	Warren B. Murdough	Lyndeboro	31	Farmer	New Hampshire	Clarissa Low	Maine	Minister
Francess town	Winifred E. Foote	Francess town	26	Mail Clerk	New Hampshire	Winfield S. Hilton	New Hampshire	Greenfield
June 19	Hastings K. Wright	Winchester, Mass.	25	Surgical Intern	Massachusetts	Sfa Florentine Stock	New Hampshire	Donald S. Ewing
Francess town	Nancy E. Howell	Birmingham, Michigan	21	None	Michigan	Rebecca S. Avery	New Hampshire	Minister
July 24	Scott A. Nicholson	Scarsdale, N. Y.	27	System Eng.	Argentina	Clayton F. Foote	New Hampshire	Greenfield
Francess town	Jane Stuart Evans	Belmont, Mass.	25	At home	Massachusetts	Amy B. Blanchard	New Hampshire	John W. Ellison
Oct. 3	George H. Skinkaytis	S. Jamesport, N. Y.	27	Ins. Agent	New York	Donald M. Wright	Massachusetts	Priest
Francess town	Jane W. Neefus	Laurel, N. Y.	19	Secretary	New York	Lucia Durand	Wisconsin	Winchester, Mass.
Oct. 9	Charles Champagne, Jr.	Francess town	22	Mill hand	New York	David A. Howell	Michigan	Eric A. Weld
Francess town	Norma Alice Brown	Wilton	17	At home	New Hampshire	Catherine Bradley	Connecticut	Minister
Nov. 20	Walter A. Creighton, Jr.	Francess town	28	Truck driver	New Hampshire	Vivian L. Nicholson	Alabama	Donald S. Ewing
Antrim	Theresa M. Magoon	Greenfield	29	Mill worker	New Hampshire	Mary V. O'Connor	New York	Minister
						Grace G. McKee	Ohio	Dublin
						John H. Skinkaytis	Ohio	Donald S. Ewing
						Anna Johnson	New York	Minister
						James F. Neefus	New York	Greenfield
						Minnie M. Whiton	Massachusetts	Donald S. Ewing
						Charles Champagne	Vermont	Minister
						Myra D. Cole	New Hampshire	Greenfield
						Norman A. Brown	Massachusetts	Harrison L. Packard
						Mary J. Todd	Vermont	Clergyman
						Walter A. Creighton, Sr.	New Hampshire	Antrim
						Yvonne A. Piper	New Hampshire	
						Philip E. Magoon	New Hampshire	
						Gladys E. Lowe	New Hampshire	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Francess town, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Cond.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1954									
Jan. 18	Peterborough	Hubert Moore Blake	63	S. Boston, Mass.	M	M	Retired	Frank R. Blake	Gertrude Howard
Feb. 16	Francess town	Aylmar Lucien Stevens	93	Peterborough	M	M	Retired	George Woodbridge	Sarah Stevens
Feb. 12	Francess town	Moses Hugh Sawyer	72	Henniker	M	M	Farmer & Laborer	Henry A. Sawyer	Elizabeth A. Matthews
Feb. 27	Francess town	Dell Francis Nutting	72	Francess town	F	M	Housewife	Charles H. Clark	Fannie E. Woods
June 8	Francess town	Arthur C. Taylor	70	Holliston, Mass.	M	M	Employer	James W. Whipple	Louisa L. A. Hamf
July 11	Francess town	Erta Evelyn Vadney	77	Groveland, Mass.	M	S	Laborer & Farmer	Andrew Taylor	Anna Taylor
July 25	Peterborough	George Lofthus Noyes	65	Mason	F	M	Housewife	Clara Noyes	Alice Lee
Sept. 10	Peterborough	Margaret Rand	89	Rothwell, Canada	M	M	Teacher	James Noyes	Lima Hibbard
Nov. 3	Peterborough	Joseph Labrie	79	Newton Cen., Mass.	F	S	Teacher	Avery L. Rand	Sarah J. Wood
Dec. 18	Goffstown		81	Canada	M	M	Woodworker	Gilbert Labrie	Delima Hebert

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN
Dec. 31, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1954

Receipts:	
Fine money	\$25 78
Petty cash	30 00
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	\$55 78
Payments:	
Desk supplies	\$17 32
Post. on 247 borrowed books	11 26
Fine money to trustees	25 78
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	\$54 36
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Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1955	\$1 42

Circulation of books and magazines:	
Fiction	2,162
Non-fiction	1,731
Juvenile	4,271
Magazines	1,759
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Total	9,923

Magazines subscribed to by the Library:

American Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Good House-keeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Open Road for Boys, American Girl, Readers' Digest, Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, Saturday Evening Post, Science News Letter, Life, Time, National Geographic, Yankee, Antiques, Story Parade, Horn Book, Audubon Magazine, McCall's, Natural History.

Gift subscriptions:

Our Dumb Animals, from Mrs. Packer; N. H. Profiles, from Mrs. Lucy Holt Andolina; Atlantic Monthly, from Mr. Carl Freese.

Other books and magazines have been given by the following: Mrs. Wason, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Park, Francis Park, Miss Rand, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Steffian, Mrs. Emma Place, Mrs. Macdonald, Henry B. Hill, Mr. Kibrick, Misses Marion and Natalie Hopkins, Norman Stewart, Miss Hall, Mrs. Florence Brown, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Ludwig, W. A. Lord, Mr. Gray, Miss Shattuck, Mr. Freese, Mrs. Langmaid, Dr. Sherman.

The annual card party, in charge of Miss Eunice Patch, enabled us to buy 74 books, and with the Doll Fund, collected on Labor Day and given by the Improvement Society (the doll, as usual provided by Prof. Hill), we bought 29 books. Through

State Aid we received 41 books. Mrs. Howell gave us \$15 for books and another friend, \$10. For special reference books we received again \$20 (the tenth year for this sum), and the neighbors of Mrs. Hubert Blake collected \$20 to be spent for books, in memory of Mr. Blake. We now have a special shelf for Memorial Books, and Mrs. Blake has provided a brass plate to identify the books memorializing her husband. Mrs. Wason has added some books in memory of Mrs. Cummings' mother. Mrs. Harold Case has given two collections of books in memory of her son, David Kirk Case; and the Hirst sisters, one in memory of their sister Elizabeth.

Francis E. Park, Jr., gave a signed copy of his new book **DEER HUNTING**. Miss Nora Unwin and Elizabeth Yates gave a signed copy of their book, **YOUR PRAYERS AND MINE** which they edited and illustrated.

From the State Library we borrowed 247 books, and from the Bookmobile, 346.

Since March the Library has been open on Wednesday, as it is on Saturday, both summer and winter: 2-5 afternoons; 7-9 evenings. All the school children come to the Library Wednesday afternoon, except the first two grades. For these grades Miss Clement asked to have about 20 books sent over to school every other week, and this we have been doing, apparently to the great satisfaction of the youngsters. Helpful third-graders always ask for the privilege (as it seems to be) of carrying the box of books. This service has stimulated some of the pre-school children to use the Library too.

As usual, four of the Grammar School children do all of the desk work while the various grades come and go on Wednesdays, thus leaving the Librarian free to scurry around on assorted errands proposed by young inquiring minds. For whatever is accomplished on these days the children should have full credit; their cooperative spirit and willingness to do any sort of errand, their improving manners and (sometimes) quiet voices are a many-headed staff on which to lean. For three years the Librarian has been assisted by a helper, paid from the Librarian's salary, who works several hours a week. This special assistant is chosen each year from the eighth grade and to date have been; Judy Mace, Marilyn Robinson and Bette Murphy. They have been conscientious and capable, taking their innumerable chores seriously and doing them cheerfully. The Library is indebted to them for their efficient help.

In January the Librarian took part in the panel discussion at the P. T. A. on the attitude of adults toward morals and the youth of the community; and in May attended some sessions of the annual N. H. Library Association at Manchester.

In the spring, as a result of a continuous demand for books on stamp collecting, the Librarian organized a branch of the United Nations Stamp Clubs of which we are charter members.

Many persons have contributed stamps to the club for which we are all grateful.

Also in the spring Franklin Mace, with the help of the boys, blazed a very interesting trail on properties adjoining the Library premises. It covers a variety of land formations and includes the brook. The Girl Scouts have offered to prepare labels for the names of plants, etc., if someone will provide the information. Miss McLeod has given sheets of aluminum for the labels.

Richard Putnam has been collecting wild animal skulls which are available for study at the Library. Mr. Russell Davis of Greenfield has lent an exhibit of petrified shark's teeth and other curios. Mrs. Anna Wagner of Manchester has given us pressed flowers and a dish which she recently brought from Iceland. The Blacks have sent from Germany pamphlets, cards and other items, including a picture-relief map of the beautiful region in which they are now living.

Miss Nora S. Unwin, a world noted artist of Surrey, England and now living in Peterborough, lent us, in May and June, many of her prints and paintings, some of which had been exhibited in Australia and India.

Dr. Haslerud, a professor of psychology of U. N. H., sent us from Japan many beautiful cards illustrating the life of Japan where he has been studying on a Fulbright scholarship. We had the unusual experience of having a native of Japan enjoy these same pictures here in our Library. Miss Momoko Ishii of Tokyo is studying in the U. S. with a Rockefeller scholarship and came here with Mrs. Bertha Miller, president of the Horn Book Magazine. Miss Ishii has translated many books from English into Japanese and enjoyed visiting the school here where she wrote her name in Japanese characters and explained the meaning and symbolism of the syllables; for the primary children she quickly folded several objects from colored paper which amused the youngsters.

Miss Elizabeth Orton Jones also made a special visit to the Library. She is the author and illustrator of several books for children; she and Miss Unwin made the beautiful murals at the Crippled Children's Hospital where Miss Jones also spends much of her time in telling stories. The December Horn Book has an interesting article on a Christmas play given by her with the crippled children.

Hurricane Carol wrecked the power line near the Library, but we carried on with flashlights and candles in a way that pleased the children and provided a colonial atmosphere for adults.

The Little League Champions of this town won two fine trophies which are being exhibited with an interesting and well illustrated scrapbook prepared by Judy Mace.

Elizabeth Yates of Peterborough, who has done so much for this Library, last winter offered to sponsor an egg-hunting con-

test to remove obnoxious insects, to be carried on by the Grammar School children. Mr. Morgan, the teacher, was most cooperative and made of the contest a fine example in civic improvement, observation and conservation. Nature books provided by the sponsor were awarded to the winners one morning at school by the Librarian: to Marilyn Robinson, the most aggressive hunter among the girls, and to the team of Richard Putnam & Gene Clark among the boys. We hope the searching will continue even without prizes.

For Labor Day we had an exhibit of paintings by Mrs. Barbara Roberts of Manchester. Mrs. Arnold Bailey took charge of the Historical Rooms and prepared a special exhibit of kitchen antiques including recipe books which have since been used.

The Clipper Ship which has been lent by Mrs. Dana Hill was in need of repairs and Mr. John Colclough, who summers in Deering, volunteered to do the work, returning the ship from its temporary dry dock and in fine shape in spite of Hurricane Edna. (The "girls" have been cutting up this year.) This Clipper is guided by a tiny but real compass.

The Improvement Society gave a new floor lamp for the Historical Rooms, and Carl Freese gave a bound copy of his history of the town (especially as it relates to Lady Frances Wentworth) to our archives. The paper was first read at a meeting in New Haven, Conn. Also added to our historical collection is a picture of the Academy Class of 1883, given by Mrs. Goodwin of Mont Vernon, along with a history of the class, written by Mrs. Goodwin's aunt, Clara Blood Kendall. Miss Eunice Patch has given a Lyceum paper written by Henrietta A. Downes, aunt of Mrs. Bertha D. Williams.

The Library has on display "before and after" pictures of the Town Hall planting sponsored by our Improvement Society through the efforts of Mrs. Granville Evans. The Society received a plaque for its accomplishment and hopes that the Library and other sections of the village will join in promoting continuous roadside attractiveness. This movement is shared by more than a dozen state organizations and several of the towns near us are winning prizes. The 1954 Report is stimulating reading, and available to all.

During the past two years we have had visitors from more than 26 towns and cities in this State (we sometimes forget to register them), and from at least 15 other States, as well as from Germany, France and Japan.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE M. LORD

Librarian



